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Department will recall that Houphouet-Boigny told Attorney General during latters visit Abidjan US should support Volta River project provided Nkrumah bluntly told to quit meddling in affairs other states (Abidjan's D-10). No reason to believe Houphouet's position has changed since. Other GOIC leaders would doubtless welcome cancellation US participation Volta project as blow to Nkrumah's prestige and as evidence US unwillingness to assist those who toy with Communist bloc. Ivory Coasters view Ghana as hostile country and Nkrumah personally as major threat to peace and stability West Africa.

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